

CITY OF LOMA LINDA SENIOR CENTER BOARD MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Senior Center Board was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, in the Senior Center at 25571 Barton Road, Loma Linda.

Members Present: Ms. Mary L. Cooke, Chair; Dr. Reinhold Trupp; Mr. Elmer Digneo; Mr. Ric Revel; Col. Forrest Cathey Retired.

Members Absent: Dr. Peter Strutz, Mr. Jin Long Koh; Mrs. Valerie Husbands; Ms. Vivi Burns; Mr. Jeff Samuels, Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center; and Mr. Willard Stewart.

Staff: Deborah Woldruff, Director, Community Development Department
Jarb Thaipejr, Director, Public Works Department
Jocelyne Larabie, Administrative Secretary, Community Dev. Dept.

Guest: Gail Clary, Loma Linda Resident
Sheila Umeda, Loma Linda Resident

ORAL REPORTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Non-Agenda items (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES FOR EACH SPEAKER)

Ms. Gail Clary asked if a discussion on a DVD player for the Senior Center could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on May 17, 2005.

Chair Cooke informed the Board that Board Member Valerie Husbands' spouse, Art Husbands had passed away suddenly and that she had sent Mrs. Husbands a sympathy card on the behalf of the Senior Center Board. She added that donations to the Humane Society of San Bernardino in-lieu of flowers would be appropriate.

Board Member Revel also asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the meeting on May 17, 2005 to discuss a proposal for a fundraiser.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trupp, seconded by Digneo, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2005 as amended.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report by Public Works Department – Jarb Thaipejr

Director Thaipejr distributed copies of the proposed budget for 2005-2006 for a total budget amount of \$40,900. He discussed the issues of a personnel request for a Part-time staff person for the Senior Center and a reduction in the Telephone and Utilities allowance based on the billing for this past year.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed part-time staff. Mr. Thaipejr pointed out that the draft budget had not been presented to the Budget Committee or to the City Council for their review.

He continued to say that there were two requests of the Board from the February 15, 2005 meeting that had not been completed at this time: 1) bench for the front entrance; and 2) the blue paint for the extra handicapped parking spaces. He added that they would be completed shortly.

Chair Cooke informed the Board that the defibrillator had been delivered to the Center and that training would be scheduled in the near future. She asked Director Thaipejr if the television set and the desk it was resting on could be removed from the hallway leading to the restrooms before the Ukulele Festival because the organizers wanted to place a sign-in table in that area. She added that those items were not being used.

Report by Community Development Director

Director Woldruff reported that the Draft General Plan Update Land Use Element would be discussed at the City Council meeting of April 26, 2005 and the University Village/Orchard Park projects would be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting of April 20, 2005. She added that the job descriptions being drafted to recruit students of the Medical Center to work on the Senior Center's newsletter were not finalized but she was working on them.

Sub-committee Reports

- Volunteer Program Report

Chair Cooke gave a brief report in the absence of Mrs. Husbands stating that the Center had received one new volunteer application for and one application was pending. The search for volunteers would continue.

- Regional Council on Aging (RCA)

Chair Cooke explained that no one had attended the RCA meeting for May because the agenda was received after the date of the meeting.

Senior Center Operations and Use Policy

The item was tabled in light of Mr. Koh's absence.

Discussion of miscellaneous issues related to the Senior Center

- Report on the Arts & Crafts Fair scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2005.

Chair Cooke reported that she expected more than 10 vendors at this month's fair and that she had placed flyers at several places including the Loma Linda Market and the senior retirement facilities.

- Reports by Senior Center Board Members

Chair Cooke reported that a desktop printer/copier would be purchased using the donations of four volunteers at the Senior Center and with the balance being taken out of the Senior Center donation account.

Mr. Revel pointed out that the Ukulele Club was holding their annual festival at the Senior Center on May 3, 2005 from 9 to 5 p.m. and that there might be an issue with parking, as they are expecting a very large turnout. A discussion ensued and Director Thaipetr stated that the Ukulele Club might need to suggest to those attending from outside the City of Loma Linda to carpool to the event. He added that the Loma Linda Plaza might be approached and asked if some of the participants could park there. Ms. Sheila Umeda, a Loma Linda resident stated that she knew the Manager of the Stater Bros. store and offered to contact him on behalf of the Ukulele Club. Board Member Revel and Ms. Umeda will confer after the meeting and exchange event details and phone numbers.

Mr. Revel explained that a vendor, who owns his own business was requesting authorization to sell ukulele related items such as the ukuleles themselves, strings, cases, etc. at the Festival. Director Woldruff replied that because it was a commercial operation the request could not be approved.

Mr. Revel continued his report on the Ukulele Festival giving the following details:

- The Model A Club will have approximately 40 vintage vehicles around the parking lot;
- Participants would be coming from all areas from the beach, the mountains and from areas south;
- That he would contact Stater Bros., with the help of Sheila Umeda to request the use of part of the parking lot;
- He will suggest that people carpool, or have the driver drop the participants off at the Senior Center and then go park the vehicle in another area;

Mr. Revel concluded his presentation stating that the Festival may be held at another location next year because of the growing participation.

Mr. Revel also asked if some type of white wall covering could be draped on the west wall to make projected images easier to see. Staff will ask Brian Bolger, Maintenance Supervisor to ensure that this was done.

Director Woldruff stated that she would provide Mr. Revel with contact numbers for the Property Managers at the Mountain View and Loma Linda Plazas. Other options for parking were discussed, which included the Gentry Gym and the Filipino and Chinese SDA Churches.

Chair Cooke introduced Ms. Sheila Umeda stating that Ms. Umeda was interested in volunteering her time at the Senior Center towards identifying programs of interest to the seniors in the City of Loma Linda. She invited her to give a brief bio.

Ms. Umeda explained that she had degrees in gerontology and wanted to volunteer in a professional capacity to help senior deal with issues of housing, grief counseling, and recreation, to name a few. She said that she would like to prepare a local survey to identify their needs. Chair Cooke thanks Ms. Umeda and welcomed her to the Senior Center.

Chair Cooke explained that, some time ago, Dr. Buckles from the Loma Linda University Department of Family Medicine had expressed interest in being on the Senior Center Board but

her schedule would not allow it. She stated that Dr. Buckles' assistant had requested to address the Board regarding a new Fellowship Program they were working on and added that she would arrive at approximately 4:30 p.m. to make a brief presentation on the new program.

A discussion ensued regarding the parking issues at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. Director Woldruff explained that the University was asking for authorization to place a temporary parking lot along Loma Linda Drive during the East Campus renovation project. She added that the issue of the temporary parking lot was a discussion item on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting of April 20, 2005.

At 4:35 p.m. Chair Cooke introduced Dr. Katherine Schlaerth, Associate Professor at the Department of Family Medicine of the University. Dr. Schlaerth explained that the University was interested in starting a geriatric and palliative care fellowship at the University to address special needs and educate doctors in the care of seniors over 65 years old. She continued to say that seniors would be divided into three age categories: 1) 65 to 75 year olds, 2) the 75 to 85 year olds, and, 3) and 85 years old and older. She explained that they had begun serving some seniors approximately eight months ago at a clinic for the very old that served three patients per afternoon. They addressed issues of social services, pharmacy, ministry and end of life issues, to name a few.

Dr. Schlaerth explained that she was seeking advice from the seniors to optimize services to them in regards to health and associated matters. She continued to say that financing was not readily available for this type of education. She added that language was also a barrier in some cases.

Ms. Umeda replied that the survey that she wished to prepare for the senior community would be very useful to Dr. Schlaerth and that she would work with the doctor regarding the survey and that she would share the results with her.

Adjournment

Motion by Digneo, seconded by Cathey, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the May 17, 2005.

Administrative Secretary

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